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Welcome to Littleport Life

Welcome to this quarter's issue of your Littleport Life magazine – the community newsletter that will keep you warm through the chilly months of December, January and February.

It contains a heartening winter mixture of stories about village activities, clubs and personalities.



Lyn working on your magazine

There are so many events taking place you'll be spoilt for choice – and quite a few are listed in our calendar dates for your diary on page 85 and 86. We take this opportunity to say sorry about a few dates that were left out last quarter – and well spotted if you realised that Mel Stevens although a very popular act at the Ex-Services Club was not appearing as listed at the Flower Club!

You'll notice a change of personnel putting your magazine together – and we're certain that you'll join us in thanking our out-going Chair and technical editor, Michael Brookes, and Treasurer and Parish Council Digest writer, Paul Beer, for their many years of voluntary work on your behalf.

Also on your behalf, the team welcomes new volunteers; Chair and technical editor, Nick Brown and Treasurer Caline Roberts-Easey.

Given that this quarter goes live in the run-up to Christmas and other religious festivals of light, it's the right time perhaps to talk about our village main shopping centre's Christmas lights and the enjoyment they bring to everyone. But just like the ones we have at home, they have to be bought!

So this is a seasonal appeal...asking you to pop along to the Bargain Centre in Main Street and drop anything you can afford into the Christmas lights collecting tin. You might be tempted to purchase something from the fascinating range of stock while you're in there! They have men's, women's, boys and girls clothing and underwear, drapery, wool, gifts, cards amongst other useful items and Christmas Lights Committee member Jill Harrison will be pleased to serve you. You'll also be able to buy the DVD made by local men, Adam Giles and Richard Millon, 'The Shop that Time Forgot' a riveting film about JH Adams in Main Street, now the Heritage Centre.

Speaking of which, and moving swiftly on to February, there is an 'International Skating Spectacular' month-long exhibition with all sorts of interesting exhibits, talks, films and souvenirs for sale during the 28 day expo.

This winter's Littleport Life has all the usual features to keep you informed and entertained and hope, especially if you're a newcomer to the village, that it makes you glad to be living in Littleport.

The team here at Littleport Life would like to thank all our advertisers without whose sterling support in both the financial and figurative sense the magazine could not be printed. Of course you know that we are all unpaid volunteers who actually put your magazine together. Now I just want to say that your input is very welcome - and essential - because without the input from residents of the village, and this means everyone who lives here, there would just be blank pages! So if you belong to a group or organisation in Littleport, or if you have a particular interest you would like to share through the pages of this magazine, please email me, lynguestdeswarte@btinternet.com or post/pop your contribution in the letterbox at 1 Ponds Hill, CB6 1PZ. Lyn.

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Good News From Littleport Library - We Are Open!

Thank you to all our customers for your support and patience during our summer closure for roof repairs. While the Library was closed, we took the opportunity to change the layout of the Library to give us more space etc. Please **do pop in and see the changes for yourself!**

Have you discovered the **Sorcer App** yet? It's FREE to download and will let you manage your library account 24/7, wherever you are! For more information, please see our library web pages at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk record/3189/



Littleport library - or come along and ask a member of the library team.

Events For Children and Young People

Our wonderful volunteers continue to deliver Story/Rhymetime sessions on a Monday (during term-time) at 10.15 for 0-4 year olds. Parents, grandparents or carers are welcome to bring those in this age group to join us. It's a great way to meet others and to enjoy some wonderful rhymes and stories with your children/grandchildren. **If you are interested in being part of our rota of volunteers delivering rhymes and stories for this event (training is provided), please contact the Library Team.**

Over 50?

The Library is opened exclusively on the second Thursday morning of each month for a Library Group, refreshments are available and you do not have to be a member of the Library. We have guest speakers who cover a wide range of

interesting topics. See the poster in the Library for information about the talks we will be having.

We also have a 'Computer Buddy' who can offer basic help to beginners with many IT related queries. Appointments need to be booked via the Library Team.

Reading Groups

Two Adult Library Reading Groups meet in the Library, once a month – one on a Monday morning and the other on a Wednesday evening. Let us know if you are interested in joining.



Our opening hours are:

Monday: 10.00 - 17.00
Wednesday: 10.00 - 17.00
Thursday: 14.00 – 17.00
Friday: 10.00 - 13.00
Saturday: 10.00 - 13.00



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New Library Members are always welcome.

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Win a copy of 'Isle of Ghosts' by Deb Curtis

As the long winter nights close in there is nothing more enjoyable than curling up with a good book. And ghostly tales are perennial favourites for a long, dark evening.

Local author Deborah Curtis has produced a brand-new collection of contemporary supernatural stories, set in and around the spellbinding city of Ely. With its echoing cobbles, narrow passageways and ancient cathedral, Ely is the perfect setting for ghostly encounters.

You will find some of the wandering souls who inhabit the *Isle of Ghosts* in the usual places: in shadowed corners of the cathedral precincts, in lonely houses and along isolated stretches of fenland roads: but you will also encounter others in more mundane settings: in taxis, offices and classrooms.

Let award-winning local author Deborah Curtis take you on a spine-chilling journey into the shadowed corners of the hauntingly beautiful cathedral city of Ely. All the locations in *Isle of Ghosts* are real, and you will have fun identifying them. One tale is set in the tourist information office, Cromwell House (reputed to be one of the most haunted buildings in Ely). Another is set in the newly formed Adams Heritage Centre in Littleport: a lovely old building with its own unique atmosphere.

Isle of Ghosts is the perfect antidote to these long winter nights!

And for the literary buffs among you ... each story is written in the style of a different famous (ghostly) author. Here is your competition question to win 'Isle of Ghosts':

What is the species of ghostly animal called Black Shuk?

Entries close December 21st.

Email your answers for both competitions and your postal address to editor@littleportlife.org or post to 1 Ponds Hill CB6 1PZ.

emails received by 12 noon on 21/12/14 will be printed off and put in the box with those posted. First two out of the box with the correct answers to the 'Christmas Carols' questions, and the first correct answer out of the box for the 'Isle of Ghosts' question at 4pm 21/12/14 will receive their book in the post.

Both books are purchasable from good bookshops of course.

WIN A COPY OF 'CHRISTMAS CAROLS' BY ANDREW GANT

This scholarly book is ideal for aficionados of musical history. You need a smattering of Latin and Old English, although the author kindly translates most, and enough scholarship yourself to enjoy the jokes with which Andrew Gant, a lecturer in music at St Peter's College, Oxford University, liberally peppers each of the 22 chapters. Every chapter explores another carol.



So bearing that in mind, here is the two-part question that could win you a copy of 'Christmas Carols':

In which year did Oliver Cromwell ban December 25th as the Christmas public holiday, and in which year did he stop the choir singing in Ely Cathedral?



Entries close December 21st.





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IT'S WONDERFUL IN LITTLEPORT

There's no doubt that Littleport is expanding like Mrs Bruin's India Rubber walled home in the Rainbow comic.

It's accommodating more people and new shops are opening up to serve the needs of a burgeoning population.

If you go to Sharman's Garden Centre for instance at the bypass end of Camel Road, you'll see all the things you need for your garden, plus you can visit the child friendly tea rooms for taking a break from all that lugging of plants, pots, statues, ornamental stones, and so on; but now there's also a small shop front that says, 'It's Wonderful' on the sign over the door.

Welcoming proprietor Pamela says her friends say it's just like an extension of her home – which must be like Aladdin's cave!



Yes! The Other Shop is actually the name of another new giftware and hardware shop recently opened in Main Street.

It's run by Dawn Holmes, the wife of Matt Holmes of Holmes Furnishers fame.

At first glance it appears to be the kind of place that you would visit to buy decorative goods for your home – or indeed for a lucky someone as a present – but there is also a hardware side for the practical needs of home-making.

It's been designed to be wheelchair user friendly with a clear run for your buggy around the display fittings.

As one happy motorised wheelchair user said; "You've saved my life! Now I don't have to go all the way to Ely or struggle with access when I get there either!" So whether it's a nice cushion or an ornamental addition to your home; or a wire brush, paint rollers or a screw driver, you'll be welcomed by Dawn at The Other Shop!



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Manager, Phil Malkin reported in the newspapers earlier this year that we were raising money to open a Cycle Shop in Littleport. He informed the readers that this opportunity would provide a job for a local young person.

Donations have been received from **Sanctuary Housing Association, Wood Fen Lodge, Cambridgeshire Police, F P McCann Limited and Littleport Lions.**

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YPL received a donation of £500 from local business, F P McCann Limited.

This project has provided a job for a young local person, Barnaby Raguain.

You can bring your cycle to Henry Crabb Road, Littleport for repair or we can provide a delivery and collection service free for Littleport residents but a small charge will apply if you live outside Littleport. Donations of unwanted cycles which we can repair to help with our fundraising always appreciated. We can collect these free of charge.



The Anglia Co-Operative Food Store in Wisbech Road, Littleport raised £899 by holding a fun day. The money was doubled by the Anglia Co-Operative Community Fund bringing the total to £1,798.

Phil said “we’re impressed with the store, its staff and customers – it’s great that a local business is supporting a good local initiative because funding is hard to get”.

Littleport Lions have donated £100 towards a set of specialist tools. The total cost is £550, **donations to help us with the balance would be much appreciated.**



On sale are new and second-hand cycles, accessories and safety wear eg. Helmets and high-visibility jackets together with general maintenance items. Repairs will be carried out by our competent engineer.



Chris Wright, Store Manager, Vikki Bullock, Littleport Store Community Champion and YPL Manager, Phil Malkin

LITTLEPORT & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Each month we have an Area Demonstrator, apart from November when we have a National Demonstrator for our Open Meeting. We also have a practical evening in December. There is a well stocked sales table at every meeting, and a raffle.

For further information please contact Pam Sole : 01353 863421.

Email : pamelasole@tiscali.co.uk

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Littleport Artists & Authors Number 2...

INSPIRATION ON THE FENS

John Lyons

As an artist and poet from Trinidad and Tobago, a country rich with mystery, folklore, myths and legends, it came as a very pleasant surprise to me to discover that here in the Fens there is a similar numen in the cultural atmosphere. Almost immediately I experienced a deep affinity. It is something felt. It appealed to my artistic and poetic sensibilities. I experience the Fens (still so much of it for me to explore) filtered through the creative imagination: there is a sense of invisible entities; ghosts still living their past histories transposed into tales of folklore. It is all redolent in the very air we breathe.

And how fabulous the broad skies of the Fens, their wonderful cloud formations forever changing. It is impossible to catch their precise moment of change. How generously they lend themselves to the poetic imagination, morphing continuously into fabulous forms, and like a lofty muse, inspiring paintings, inspiring poems.

Fen Poets Walk

Wide skies of eel clouds
Over layered Fenland histories.
We walk avoiding a deception:
The Euclidean point that vanishes into infinity
At the end of parallel ploughed furrows.
Broad horizons may tempt us into metaphor,
But our ambitions are of a modest kind:
Finding a word order that takes us further
Than our walking feet can.

My poetry is represented in the Poetry Archive. The link is:

<http://www.poetryarchive.org/poet/johnlyons>

My paintings and other relevant career information can be found on

www.johnlyons.org

BRANCHING OUT



A view of the Gardens of the Branching Out centre where clients are given their own gardens to cultivate, each one has a special theme. These are highly imaginative and skilfully produced.

A wonderful support scheme for prime of life people less ordinarily able is flourishing in Littleport. But do you know it takes £350,000 a year to keep it going! It does receive some grant type help towards this, but relies heavily on your generosity to make up the total.

The shop in the High Street always has an eye-catching display – and the Halloween ‘ghostly galleon’ pirate ship was no exception.

All the models are made in the workshop and art studio at the Grange Lane HQ by the patrons of Branching Out. Do pop in and buy some of the restored furniture and pre-used quality items for sale as all your money goes towards supporting this worthwhile endeavour.

CONNECTIONS CANCER CLUB

How the club that has helped so many cope with cancer began...

One time Manager of Littleport Town FC, who started the youth team, the Colts, back in 1991 with John Cray, football and Spurs enthusiast, Bev Scott, and his wife Sue, are the founders and organisers of Littleport's 'Connections Cancer Club'.

They have both been visited by that very unwelcome illness, and it was Bev's experience in 2000 and Sue's in 2007 that determined them to start a club that offered friendship, understanding and support, for other people in the village who've been affected by cancer in any way.

Bev was diagnosed with bowel cancer fourteen years ago, and from there on his life changed. There were those hospital visits – consultations, scans, investigative procedures, pre-op radiation and the big operation followed by chemotherapy. Then the readjustments he had to make in his everyday living. He counts himself fortunate because in all this upheaval Bev was supported by the one he calls his soul mate, Sue, as well as his family and friends.

He is happy to relate that



he was also helped through those difficult times by his faith and prayer.

The club has been meeting since it began in the St John's Methodist Chapel in High Street, and will meet there again in December on Saturday 15th but then moves to a new permanent venue in January. You'll then find this friendly group between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm in the Day Centre situated in the Village Hall on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Bev and Sue also have some special fundraising plans for 2015 as the group relies on donations.

The first thing Bev did after completing his post-op chemo was to arrange a sponsored 6 mile walk around Littleport that raised £3,000 for the Oncology Department at Addenbrooke's where he'd been treated.

As for what keeps this great couple's commitment to 'Connections' going, Sue says, "We just want to show people that there is a light at the end of the tunnel," and Bev is on record as saying in 2007, "I do hope that I can help others through the hard times cancer can cause."

It looks like both of them have succeeded.

Contact:

Bev & Sue Scott: 01353 860356

Connections Cancer Club

Connections Cancer Club is a small friendly group of people who meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month at The Day Centre, Littleport Village Hall from 10:00 to 12:00pm



We offer support, friendship and time to those families affected by cancer in any way. We have planned some social events in the near future. Why not come along and join us, bring your ideas and have a chat over a cup of tea!

Contact:

Bev & Sue Scott: 01353 860356



Littleport Rotary Club — Quarterly Update

Littleport Rotary Club held its annual race night on Friday 26 September and was delighted at the continuing success of the event. Thanks primarily to Clive and Jo Webber, Donny and Judy Buckingham and the remaining team from Rotary the evening went, pretty much, without a hitch. Its success revolves around

the fact that it is very much a family event enjoyed by young and old. Everyone who attends seems to find themselves inextricably involved in the racing and the crescendo of noise toward the finish of each race is reminiscent of the finish of the Derby at Epsom!



Left: Littleport Village Hall in its splendour. Set as a multiplex, with dual screens, thanks to our IT department. (Me)

This year we departed from the use of ancient film projectors, in favour of an all digital approach. This enabled us to display on screen, Race cards, results and general information.

Below: Rotary President Tony Winchester, presenting a prize to a young guest.

This year we were fortunate to have many sponsor, including **Lanwades Stud** who kindly donated a significant sum to one of our major beneficiaries **East Anglian Children's Hospice**. This year alone we will have donated £2,000 to this organisation largely thanks to your generosity in supporting the activities of our **Rotary Club**. A similar amount has



been donated to the **Salvation Army** which has been able to help a number of the residents of Littleport who from time to time find life beyond their grasp. We have also helped keep the East Anglian Air Ambulance in the air as well as supporting Rotary International's challenge of ridding the world of polio.

Race Night Retirees



Left, Donny and Judy Buckingham have declared, that they are retiring from race night duties, after decades of sterling work. **Right: Roy Craig** the Race Night Presenter for over a decade, has retired. He lives in Grimsby and the late night trips home, from Littleport must have become more stressful. Good Luck Roy, he will be missed.

Our race night sponsor was
Landwades Stud (Newmarket) www.lanwades.com

Third World of Microfinance; Littleport Rotary Club has invested over £2000

Early in 2012, Littleport Rotary Club decided to make an initial investment of £1,000 in Microfinance, and since then they have increased this investment to over £2,000

Ron Bradney who is responsible for the Club's International exposure said, "Microfinance is the ideal way to get your money working efficiently, as the money is loaned to small entrepreneurs who make a promise to pay the money back in a strict schedule, the money can then be loaned out again to other entrepreneurs". It is generally thought that Microfinance is probably the best way to help the third world population, help themselves, thereby reducing their dependency on charity.

Street Xmas Tree: At the time of writing Rotarians are preparing to visit **Elveden Forest** to select a tree. It should be in place by 1st of December.

If you want to be part of our successes why not contact us – we'd like to hear from you whether you want to sponsor any of our future activities, including this year's Christmas Tree, or simply wish to get involved with our Rotary Club. **Contact us via our website:**

www.littleportrotary.org.uk

Paul Cox





Littleport Town Team

Dear Littleport resident

Re: Littleport's New Town Team

We would like to inform you about Littleport's new Town Team and explain its aims and purpose in the hope that you will be keen to join us improve the vitality and vibrancy of Littleport's Town Centre.

How did it all come about?

You may be aware that the government invited Mary Portas, High Street Fashion guru, to work with them to conduct a national review of our Town Centres. The report, which was produced in December 2011, detailed 28 recommendations on how to improve town centres up and down the country. In response to this report East Cambridgeshire District Council setup a Town Centres Working Party Committee to look at its key three town centres: Ely, Soham and Littleport.

A series of visits to the retailers and businesses in Littleport was carried out in the summer to ascertain their views on Littleport and ask for ideas on how we could make improvements. The results were fed back to the Committee, including Littleport Parish Council and an Action Plan was drawn up to address the issues.

Who are we?

Some of the retailers/businesses visited agreed to form a new Town Team to work with the District and Parish Council on the Action Plan. A list of the key members are shown below:

- Branching Out
- Littleport Library
- Holmes Furnishings
- Sigma Embroidery
- St George's Church
- Co-op Main Street
- Plus representatives from both Parish and District Councils

However, anyone is invited to join the team as long as they represent a shop or business in Littleport and have a strong interest in helping us make the most of Littleport. We are not trying to duplicate any group that already exists and our focus is only on the high street (in generic terms) with the aim to increase footfall and awareness of town centre facilities and services.

What do we hope to achieve?

Our Action Plan for the first year running from 1st October 2014 is to:

- Look into the feasibility of introducing a regular market
- Devise a Town Centre events and promotions programme including a Christmas Town Centre Celebration on Saturday 5th December (more details to follow)
- Develop a marketing campaign, in particular through Facebook and other social media
- Devise a Residents Pack with information on what Littleport's High Street has to offer

Next Steps

If you wish to join the Town Team or would like to provide some feedback, please do not hesitate to contact myself or anyone else on the Team. We will continue to update you on our progress, as well as promoting what we do, to residents through various different promotional methods.

We look forward to working with you to make the most of Littleport's Town Centre

Kind Regards

David Ambrose Smith

Chairman, Littleport Town Team

LITTLEPORT TOWN LANDS CHARITY

Applications are invited to go on the waiting list for an Alms property by Littleport Residents over the age of 60 who have resided in the Ancient Parish of Littleport for 6 years or more

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YOUR MP UPDATE

FROM STEPHEN BARCLAY



It is excellent news that Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, has decided not to call in the application for Ely's Southern bypass but will instead respect the decision of Cambridgeshire County Council.

This follows representations to Mr Pickles by my neighbouring MP Sir Jim Paice and myself to respect localism given the strong support for the bypass from the local community. Sir Jim and I also met with English Heritage earlier in the year to discuss their concerns about the proposals.

The bypass is crucial to the area's transport infrastructure and economic growth, and is needed to alleviate the delays suffered by constituents living in and around Ely, including those in Littleport, Sutton, Mepal, Witcham and Little Downham.

The scheme has huge support locally from the majority of residents, Ely town council, the county council, and both local MPs, and there is a very strong economic case for the bypass to go-ahead. I am pleased the Secretary of State has taken this into account.

If the application was called-in then there was the potential for a lengthy delay, with work not being able to start until late 2016 at the earliest. This decision means that timetable can be brought forward and I will be speaking to Cambridgeshire County Council to ensure work starts as soon as possible.

Congratulations to JDR Cables in Littleport on winning a major contract to supply 95km of underwater cable to the Statoil/Statkraft Dudgeon offshore wind farm. The design and manufacture of the cable will take place at JDR's UK bases in Littleport and Hartlepool. This is great news for local jobs and for the firm itself, which is leading the way for high tech manufacturing businesses in Cambridgeshire by showing that quality, locally manufactured products really can tap into growth markets overseas as far away as Australia and contribute to the long-term health of the economy.

I am continuing with my "Treat me local" health campaign and will be hosting a health summit next month to drive home the need for better treatment provision closer to home.

Over a 1,000 people have signed up in support of the campaign through my petition and I am planning to bring it before parliament shortly.

It is well documented that this area is like the "Cinderella" of the county when it comes to service provision of all kinds. Health and being able to access good services locally is vital and I hope we can redress some of the historical imbalances in provision through this campaign.

To find out more about my work in Parliament and campaigns locally, or to let me know your views, please visit my website at

www.stevebarclay.net. Alternatively you can follow me on twitter at @stevebarclaymp or on facebook at www.facebook.com/stevebarclaymp.

POPPY APPEAL 2013

It might seem a little strange to headline the Poppy Appeal article 2013 but the Poppy Appeal financial year starts on 1 October and ends on 30 September. This means that the last complete year for which we have Poppy Appeal figures is the 2013 collection. That collection brought in the Grand Total of £7426.26. This was up on the previous year and was possibly an indication that the recession was coming to an end. Conversely it might just as easily be an example of the generosity of Littleport people.

Many of the people, if not all, reading this article will have contributed to the 2014 collection and I am delighted to report that, so far, the collection has raised £7657.54; another increase. This is not the end of our fundraising efforts for this year. In July we will hold our Summer Draw and I hope people will show their usual generosity and buy lots of tickets. Rest assured that all monies raised are used for welfare work and none of it is spent on administration.

For those of you who did not have a Poppy Appeal collector come to your door would you care to offer up some of your time to help with the Appeal next year? I can always make room for new collectors; although I cannot promise you can collect along your street. If you would like to volunteer please call me on 01353 861332.

Garth McGowen

Poppy Appeal Organiser
Littleport

INDIAN GARDEN

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The Indian Garden in Littleport has been voted in the House of Commons as one of the best in the country.

The restaurant was announced as runner-up in the prestigious Tiffin Cup 2014 (given to the eatery that serves the best South Asian cuisine in the UK).

The prize is awarded every year by the Tiffin Club of MPs formed in 2006 with the aim of not only applauding the quality of South Asian food in Britain but also to raise money for charity. This year the course is World Vision.

MP Steve Barclay went to the Indian Garden at Littleport, which he nominated on the recommendation of local councillor David Ambrose Smith, to present owner Abu Shahid with his prize.

Mr Barclay said: "I am absolutely delighted that a restaurant in our area has picked up a runner-up prize in such a prestigious competition and I congratulate Abu and his eight members of staff on their success."

Mr Barclay praised Mr Shahid for the quality of his food and for his work in supporting the community.



• MP Steve Barclay with Indian Garden owner Abu Shahid

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FOCUS ON LITTLEPORT'S FOOTBALL SCENE

If you are a football fanatic like me, and you are in need of some football action then you will certainly find it all happening in Littleport. In fact the Village have the luxury of two footie clubs – Rangers and Town, so you can imagine the rivalry when both sides are pitted against one another. Now I went to an Under 9's non-competitive Cambridgeshire FA Mini Colts game between Town and Rangers which resulted in a non argumentative 1-1 draw. Even the obligatory fun penalty shoot-out ended in stalemate too, 3-3 to be precise, with both sets of parents and children going off in a good mood and exchanging pleasantries.

Initially the game I had intended to watch was an Under 12's between Littleport Rangers and Cottenham, but having walked all the way to Parsons Lane where Rangers play their



home games, there was not a footballing soul about. A dog walker directed me to the Leisure Centre in Camel Road. I happily bumped into Town's top striker Jamie Gayfer who told me that his game had been cancelled, also that they had not played a league game for a third consecutive week. I caught up with the Leisure Centre's very own FA qualified Coach Jamie Spalding, who is organising

Littleport's budding youngsters and involving them in learning some fun footballing skills.

"Let's not talk about Arsenal's form at the moment", said one enthusiastic Gooner supporting Dad, Joe Lampshire who's young son Alfie looked 'Messi' menacing in a Barcelona strip and played with great energy and determination .

"Only the best gear for our Alfie, but I'd rather support good honest football like Littleport Town these days," confessed Joe, whose own father was a professional player in his heyday. As the fog descended, I followed a Mum who was clearly heading for the match her footballing son was playing in, although it wasn't the match I was originally trying to look for.

This Mum I had chatted to while we headed to the far corner of the stadium was none other than the well known top netballer currently playing Goal Attack for Ely, Anita Reidy.

"My son William Fall had just been transferred to Rangers from Town because he wanted to play with his friends, and my 2 year old Henry is still in a pushchair, but I'm sure he will soon get the football bug," Anita told Littleport Life Magazine.

Town can boast a big squad, while Rangers have an ace little player up their sleeve, young master Q Gullen who is already on the professional books of Norwich City and Cambridge United as he showed off his nifty footwork beating many a Town player's lunge, and I could see why he was in demand.

Rangers' Chairman Andrew Johnson (who is in fact Coach for Soham) and their Coach Billy Holmes who was



doubling up as a linesman were certainly animated on and off the pitch as their players decked out in navy blue with a thick yellow vertical stripe, enthusiastically threw themselves into the game with tackles going on like they didn't care. At one stage I cried: "Offside" only to be shouted down. "There is no offside. This a non competitive game where the goal and pitch is smaller; there are 2 halves of 15 minutes and 2 halves of 10 minutes, and you can field females if you so wish." So I was both informed and delighted to learn that Town were fielding 9 year old Alice Singfield, picked purely for her defending skills, and when I spoke to her she said that she was a Chelsea supporter, but that she couldn't fathom why her Dad, Darius, had a liking for the Blue of Merseyside.

The Town's Colts Secretary and Welfare Officer Karen Hunter who patiently waited on the sidelines while I finished interviewing everyone, was very informative about Littleport Town Colts.

The Manager is Chris Slater, whose son William is a very useful Town player, and his Assistant, Matt Prior's son James also plays.

The side also have a couple of sought after players in Liverpool supporter, Lennon White, who has a blinding left foot, and their goalkeeper Kylo Brackley who is a promising talent. Both boys are currently on Norwich City's books training every week as part of Norwich's Player Development Centre.

Cathy Gibb



THE LITTLEPORT SOCIETY

Preserving our Past for the Future

The Littleport Society, founded in 1987, is the foremost and premier organisation in Littleport dedicated to the history and heritage of Littleport. It is not just for local people, as we have members from neighbouring villages, and from all parts of the U.K., Australia, Canada, and the U.S.A. Many of our members have one thing in common, their ancestors were baptised, married and buried in the churches and chapels of Littleport; they tilled the fenland soil; they fished in the rivers, they brewed and drank the beer; they made the shirts, and they lived through wars, riots, depressions and epidemics, many being forced to emigrate to improve their lot.

The Society has for 27 years worked to research and record, collect and preserve the rich tapestry of Littleport's history and heritage. Over the years many of our members have helped to amass a vast database of genealogical records, which is available to all who wish to trace their roots. Research into the history and development of Littleport is also an ongoing process, this often uncovers surprising facts that have lain unknown for centuries.

Over the years the Society has collected by donation and purchase a large collection of archive material, consisting of photographs, drawings, paintings, maps, and all kinds of historical documents and ephemera relating to the parish. All are stored in acid free envelopes and boxes to ensure their preservation. The collection is at present undergoing a complete re-organisation, cataloguing, and indexing. We also have a collection of artefacts and textiles relating to Littleport. The largest item being a Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine that is the only survivor of those installed in the shirt factory in 1882.

Our archaeological collection, consisting of Roman and Medieval and Bronze Age fragments, as well as fossils, is at present undergoing identification, dating and recording by professional archaeologists and palaeontologists.

The collections are housed at the Barn, which we share with the Parish Council, and are open to view at any time by appointment, or can be seen at our open days during the year. Help is always available for anyone undertaking research projects, or school or university courses, as well as authors and historians. The Society is also affiliated to The Cambridgeshire Association for Local History, and The Cambridge Antiquarian Society.

Our members through their subscriptions help the Society with the work of recording, collecting and preserving our heritage. Members receive a 12 page quarterly magazine, which is packed with articles and features about Littleport and

the surrounding area. The Society also holds open meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm, when guest speakers give an informative illustrated talk on a wide variety of local subjects. We also publish books from time to time on Littleport, and give guided walks around the town to individuals and groups upon request. We also have a website www.littleportsociety.org.uk which is frequently updated and developed.

If you would like to play a part in safeguarding our heritage all you need do is join the Society. Annual subscriptions range from £2 to £5, yes *"that's" all*, although an extra donation is always welcome.

If you are interested in local history and heritage, you might consider joining the Committee, there is always something interesting to do. The Committee meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Barn at 7.30 pm. Why not drop in and see us, or give us a ring, Maureen on 860236, Bruce on 860889, or Roger 01954 781 220. We would love to hear from you.

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LITTLEPORT EXPANSION PLANS FOR SUCCESSFUL INDEPENDENT VETS



In July 2013 Johnson and Scott Vets opened a small branch surgery in Littleport.

Located right next to the train station on Lynn Road in Littleport, where Select Telecom previously resided, vet Cathy Scott, ably assisted by local resident Lesley Murdoch, has been providing daily two-hour surgeries each weekday. Local mum and vet Shanika Winters has alternated with Cathy to provide Saturday morning services.

This little branch has been so successful that demand has now lead to an extension of the services offered there! As of Monday 22nd September a whole plethora of new appointments will be made available to ensure that the pets

of Littleport receive care that is second to none in the area. Every evening will be covered!

Popular and experienced vet Cathy will be joined by Rachel Shaw-Edwards, who qualified from Cambridge University and has spent the past four years gaining much experience in Suffolk. Rachel said of her new role "I enjoy all aspects of small animal work & look forward to getting to know my new clients and their pets. In my spare time I love to walk and train my Border collie dog, Grayling, as well as teaching and competing in modern jive".

J&S is still supporting the Dogs Trust Microchipping Campaign. As of 6th April 2016 it will be law to have all dogs micro chipped and the practice is **STILL** offering **FREE** micro chipping and microchip registration to all unchipped until 31st March 2015.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, or to make an appointment with a vet, please phone 01353 634123.

LITTLEPORT FIRE STATION NEWS

Littleport on-call firefighters won Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service Team Achievement Award



Littleport fire station is in the East Cambridgeshire district. It has one fire engine which is crewed by on-call firefighters.

Firefighters at Littleport train for two hours each week during their training evening which is on a Monday between 7pm and 9pm.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) runs a Community Champion scheme across the county to spread fire safety messages and encourage residents to carry out safety checks on their homes.

A successful pilot scheme operated in South Cambridgeshire throughout 2012/13 and the

now volunteers work across a number of districts - and we're always looking for more.



Community Champions speak to local communities about home fire safety and escape plans, as well as referring those people who don't feel confident about undertaking a check of their own home. They may also be asked to complement the service already being delivered by attending community events and providing support, as well as being part of our consultation community.

Community Champions participate in training that enable them to develop interpersonal skills, enhance their CVs, make new friends and improve their knowledge of the work undertaken by the CFRS.

No previous qualifications or specific skills are needed to become a Community Champion as CFRS is always seeking people from diverse backgrounds.

You can apply to be a Community Champion online at <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/cambsfirechamps> or by contacting Rachael Brown at Cambridgeshire ACRE on 01353 865037 or email Rachael.brown@cambsacre.org.uk



Hello again from Littleport Lions Club where we have again been busy raising funds for local people and charities. After moving our meeting place to its new luxurious room at Littleport Grange (where we meet on the first Sunday of the month at 2pm), we then set about our autumn fundraising.

The theme of our charter meal in Sept was "The Oddbods Ball " and was very well attended by 44 people, who enjoyed a glass of Bucks Fizz and then a ploughman's lunch.

An interesting treasure hunt then took place around the village of Prickwillow our venue for the day.

The event ended with a super cream tea which everyone enjoyed. Our curry lunch at The Spice Lounge in Nov was another well attended event Christmas Lights Switch On at Ely Market place, at the end of Nov. We had an "everybody wins" Teddy & Soft toy raffle.

Our Craft Fayre in Prickwillow Village Hall with Father Christmas in attendance was enjoyed by all who came.

Lions clubs have their centenary in 2017 and from small beginnings we have grown to; 1,390,593 members in 46,713 clubs in 208 countries (as at 31st May 2014) around the globe, an outstanding achievement.

As our new International President said;

As Lions we need to ROAR. We need to tell the whole world who we are, and that we will never stop trying, because we have a service to perform and we are going to provide it, no matter what the challenges are.

Littleport Lions want to help and make a difference so, Help Local Lions - Help Local People

For more details of our work and meetings contact David Ellis 01353 664318 / 07591 153251 or alfieellis@yahoo.co.uk

Website;

www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/littleport

Jenny & Val our "caterers" on the day of our charter lunch.



SOME FANCY FOOTWORK IN *LITTLEPORT*

“When people come in to see me for the first time they often ask 'Is it going to hurt', I usually put them at ease with a joke. Well I'm not going to feel a thing – so I don't know” Angela Wilson, Littleport's very own caring chiropodist, told *Littleport Life Magazine's* reporter Cathy Gibb.

Having nursed her mother through the illness from which she died at only 45 just after Angela had just left school, nursing seemed the obvious career option. She began her career caring for the elderly, went on to nursing disabled children at Ida Darwin, and then back to caring for the elderly at a home in Chesterton, Cambridgeshire. However, Angela knew she was destined to become a chiropodist!

“I was a very impressionable 16 year old. I remember seeing this massive house with a beautiful garden and on this door hung a huge brass plaque, but I couldn't read what it said. I saw people constantly coming in and out of that house, and I found out they were chiropodists who dealt with feet. I thought that's the kind of job I would like to do and the kind of house I'd like to live in.”

So at 33 years of age Angela decided she wanted to move into a new working career and into a profession which she says “still brings satisfaction and fulfilment” and as Angela puts it: “I literally help people walk properly and go away with a spring in their step”.

Angela told me that she began to read up everything and anything she could get hold of on the subject. She studied hard, took all the exams necessary and after three years she received all the certificates and qualifications to become a registered chiropodist/podiatrist and massage therapist.

Angela continued; “ Now we all suffer from some kind of pain somewhere in our bodies which of course includes our feet. People need to be aware of how important foot care is otherwise you can experience all kinds of problems from corns to verucas, infected feet to callouses, hard skin, heel pain, in-growing toenails, flat feet



and the effects of diabetes. One of our specialist areas in chiropody is diabetes which can affect the nerve endings in the feet, and it is important to ensure that diabetic people look after their feet.

"I also check lower limbs from the knees down plus the foot pulses which usually tells me a lot about someone's health. When dealing with older people you have to

take into consideration that their body system could be sluggish and often waste products accumulate in their feet because they are unable to be dispersed or they could be taking medication or have heart and blood problems."

Angela lived a full and very busy life working and living in Cambridge, but she says that it

became too time consuming.

She then decided to move out to the countryside and Littleport seemed the ideal location.

Angela loves the more pleasurable and laid back Littleport lifestyle, living and working in a magnificent house surrounded by a well cared for garden and an impressive brass plaque is found on the front wall adjacent to the front gate. It reads: Chiropodist & Podiatrist Mrs Angela Wilson MSSCh. MBChA. Qualified Surgical Chiropodist. Registered Member of the British Chiropody & Podiatry Association.

Angela Wilson certainly made her dream of helping people in this special and highly skilled way and in those special homely surroundings, and the brass plaque, come true, through sheer hard work, perseverance and determination to achieve her original ambition!



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A MESSAGE FROM: ST GEORGE'S CHURCH



Christmas is here again; perhaps you find Christmas difficult and have to brace yourself against the hearty good wishes and the singing Santas, but Christmas is not intended to be difficult. The idea behind Christmas is that everything we know points to something beyond ourselves, to God; a God who wants us to know Him and who makes himself known. And our Christmas traditions have built on that idea.

One of the biggest Christmas traditions is the Christmas tree. Back in the eighth century, St Boniface is credited with dedicating the first pine tree as special for Christmas, a Christmas tree. St Boniface spoke of how the evergreen tree shows the everlasting love God has for the world. But the evergreen idea started way back when the early Christians “piggy-backed” Christmas onto the Pagan festival of Saturnalia; the Christians said “you understand earth’s cycles and are looking for light and growth to return - well Jesus is the guy who’s behind it all. And to make it plainer still, he was born like us to grow up and tell us about God”.

The idea behind using the pine tree helps us in other ways too. Pines are tall trees. Certainly they start off little like any other, but left to their own devices, they grow straight and tall, pointing to the sky. The Christmas story was announced in the skies; announced by the angels and by the star. The pine tree points like an arrow to the heavens, almost as if it says, “look! listen! the glory and the splendour of the heavens proclaim the glory and the majesty of God”.

And the Christmas tree is rooted in the earth. For some people it is blasphemous to suggest that God can come here at all; for others, when he rocked up why did he not sort out everything properly? For the Christian, the idea that God came to us is wonderful and amazing; that way, He knows what it’s like to be us and we can reach him. This idea has not gone away and pops up repeatedly, often in the most unlikely places – (a bit like the being born round the back).

So our Christmas tree idea is more than just evergreen. It points us to the skies and the grandeur of God and it is rooted firmly in the earth, emphasising Christ the Son of God coming here. The idea behind the tree helps us appreciate that the Christmas story really does bridge heaven and earth. And when it's all over, the turkey eaten, the presents put away (or taken back) and January is upon us, the evergreen tree keeps in mind the idea of a God who doesn't leave us, who will be with us throughout 2015.

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We try to emulate those members of the early church who gathered together on a week-day to pray together. There is little to no description of the buildings in which those churches were convened. They were caves or the dwelling places of the followers of Jesus and The Way. Christians weren't called Christians for some time after Jesus was crucified, and this rarely and as a form of denigration. Mostly they were referred to as talmidim, students (of a rabbi) or kadosh, holy or 'saints'. Their churches were people meeting in spiritual fellowship where spiritual teachings and healings by the power of prayer were experienced. We are also a healing church.

We also know that they did not meet on the Sabbath, the day given to celebrate the Creation, deemed a day of rest, but on the first day of the week, yom rishon, marking the resurrection of Christ/the messiah, a working day. We meet up on Thursdays to practice our religious beliefs. These depart from orthodox Christian services however as although founded on the absolute conviction that there is life after death, we believe that it can be proved through mediumistic communication with the heavenly realms.

In these months of less daylight, it's good to enjoy a festival of light as Jesus, Yeshuah, and those early followers of The Way would have done. During these Winter months we also celebrate the nativity of the man who is called the Light of the World. And we look forward to that supernal light shining forth into the new year ahead.

Enquiries: Senior Minister, Elder Rev Nick Brown, 07703964252.

You can look us up on Facebook: Greater Littleport And District New Spiritualists' Society

The Vine Community Church

Exciting news! We have moved from our temporary lodging with our kind friends at the Methodist Church into the building in Globe Lane which used to be home to the Evangelical Church. This was a wonderful turn of events as well as an act of generosity from the former trustees of the premises, Heber and Elsie Martin and their daughter.

It is a great building, where we already feel at home and have been able to host fellowship meals, start an Alpha course, have group meetings and prayer meetings, all in addition to Sunday Services. We would love you to join us anytime and find out what we are all about. We have a Sunday morning worship service, starting at 10.30am. We cater for children of all ages and have a special Family Service once a month. Join us afterwards for refreshments or our monthly 'bring and share' lunchtime get together. Also on a Sunday, in the evening at 6.30pm, there is Bible Teaching with time for discussion over refreshments.

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Littleport Women's Institute has just celebrated its 92nd birthday. Yes, we have been meeting in Littleport for 92 years, and still welcoming new members and enjoying ourselves. We celebrated with a party in the Village Hall.

Together with guests from other W.I.s in the area we were brilliantly entertained by the Irish singer Tom Kennedy. Tom's range of music included traditional as well as popular songs both old and new, with plenty of audience participation. This was very entertaining.

Val Pandal made a beautiful cake, and Iris Copsey helped her cut this cake. We have had an interesting talk by Liz Wright from the Donkey Sanctuary. Far from being the sad talk I was expecting, this was uplifting. She explained the history of the charity, and told some amusing, tales all illustrated with lovely pictures. With some delightful goods to purchase, this was a very pleasant evening. There have been several visits to other Institutes and Harvest suppers, with



entertainment at Welney and Southery which several members attended. On the 28th October some of our members were scheduled to attend the Autumn Federation Event. The guest speaker was Michael Portillo. The Centenary baton was handed over from the Isle of Ely Federation to the Cambridge Federation. The fashion show kindly put on by M&Co of Ely was held on 7th October and was well supported. The models were members of Littleport WI with some family



members supporting us. For this we thank Geoff, Jessica and Abigail. Well done and a big thank you.

If you think you would have enjoyed these meetings why not give it a try, you would be very welcome.

Pictures are of the Party with Tom Kennedy and Val Pendle and Iris Copsey cutting the cake and one of the Fashion Show showing the models.





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Jason Peckham is the name - JP Oven Clean is the brand, and Littleport will soon be boasting that they have the cleanest ovens on the Fens. And it's all down to this bright young entrepreneur who came up with a great idea whilst watching his 77 year old Nan struggling to clean her oven one Sunday afternoon last year. *Roving Reporter Cathy Gibb reports.*

"Me and my family always enjoy a cooked dinner at my Nan's, and while I was helping her to wash up afterwards, she turned round and said to me: 'Look at the state of my oven. I'll now have to call that chap to clean the oven again and it's really not cheap'.

"I was so shocked she was having to do this, and it was at the time when I was out of work after having had to accept voluntary redundancy. I had been selling assistive technology software to students who suffered from dyslexia, dyspraxia or any kind of learning difficulties and for those visually impaired. Then the government had to make cuts, and the disabled student allowance was affected, and so was my job and position. Then another job came my way but the travelling really got me down, so when I heard my Nan say that, I thought 'I fancy looking into this oven cleaning business', and it's been one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life.

"Do you know I could only find 4 to 5 oven cleaners in the whole of Cambridgeshire. Of course you have franchises, but you haven't actually got local independent, self employed sole traders doing it."

Jason did look into the franchise options where a company would provide you with a car, a van, together with a large stainless steel dip tank which cleans your oven racks, plus advertising their business, but of course, as an employee you would have to pay them. This option didn't appeal!



Jason is still saving to buy himself a new van and some extra advertising, but word of mouth is doing a good job of that for his one man business. He even makes his own oven cleaning solution which makes the cooker look almost brand new.



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Interestingly Jason says ovens around 1 to 2 years old take longer to clean, compared to ovens that are say 8,9,10 years old.

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Now here is where Jason reveals his unique selling point - the cleaning product.

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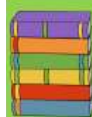


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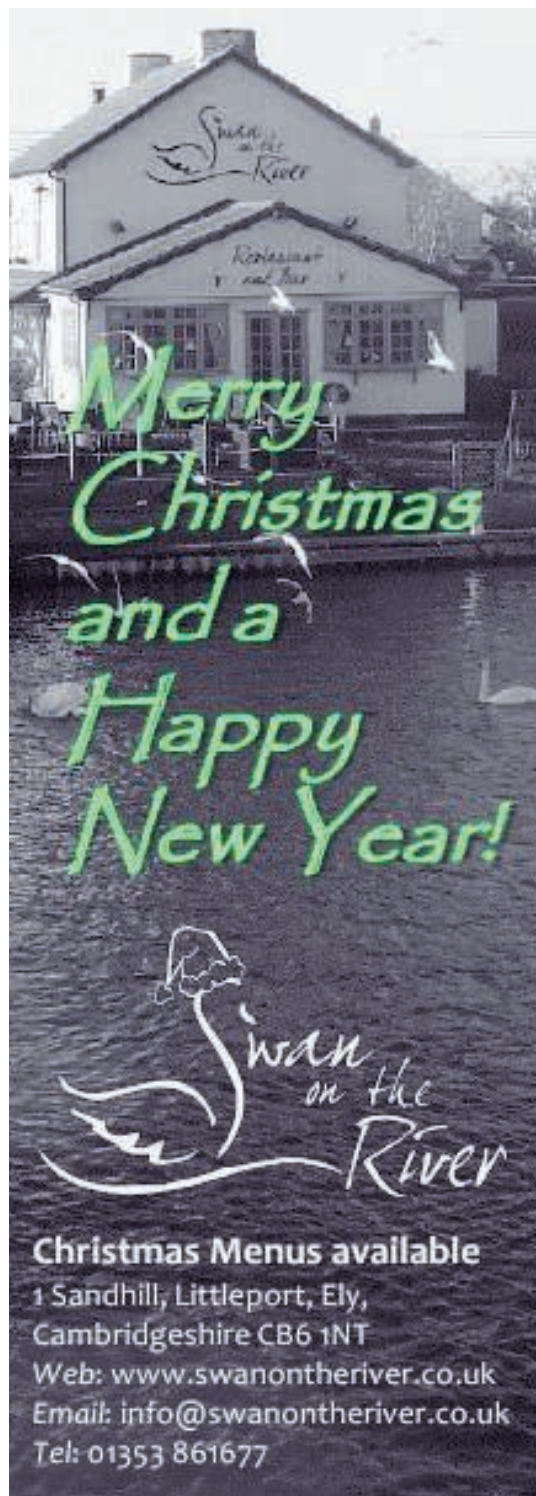
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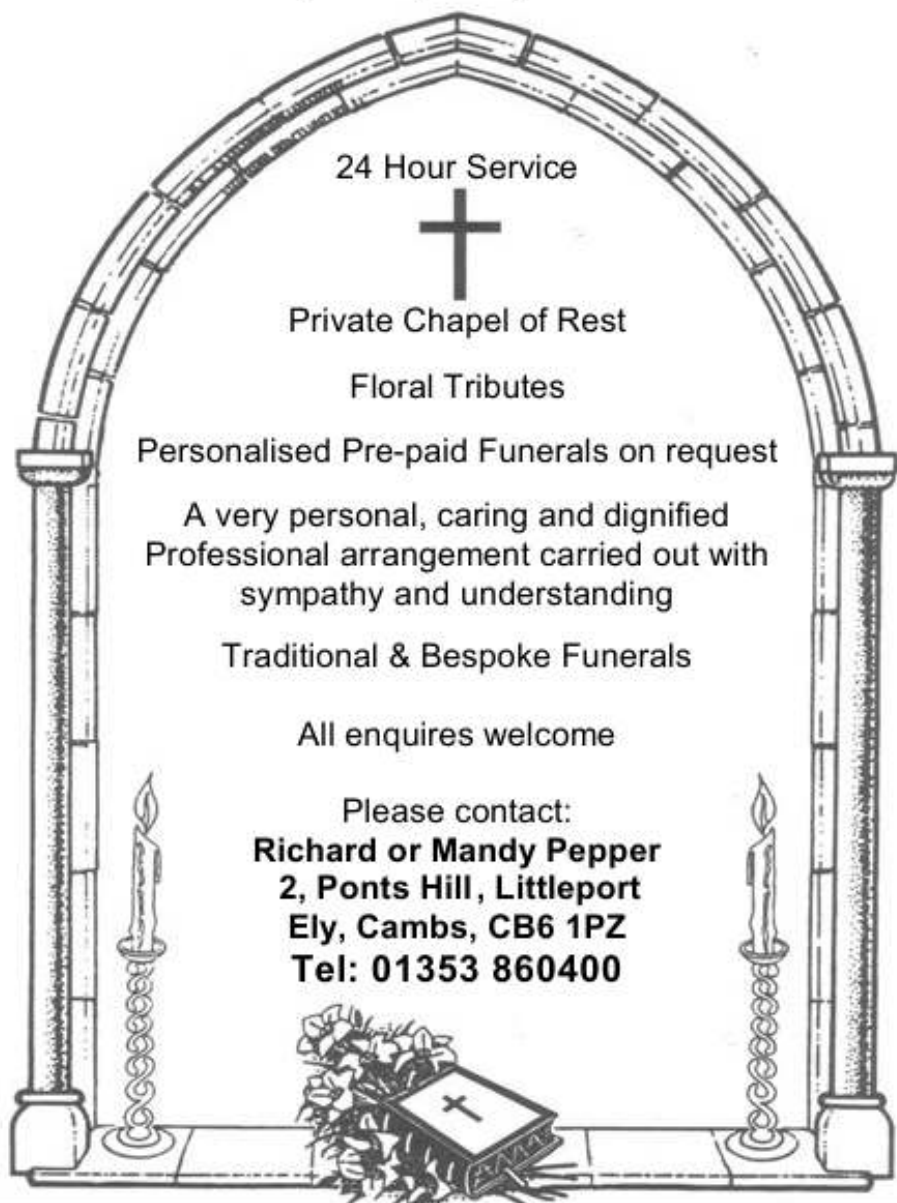
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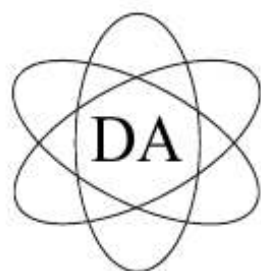
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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME & COMMUNITY ISSUES REPORT:

Members received the current Community Issues Report before public question time. Ms de Swarte spoke on the subject of her proposal to build a 400m speed skating oval in Littleport.

Mr J Coleby spoke on behalf of residents regarding the flooding of the culvert in the Hythe/Ponts Hill area. Councillor D I Ambrose Smith will contact the Internal Drainage Board.

COUNTRYWIDE SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Copies of the survey were handed to the public who were asked to complete them and return to the Clerk by the end of the week for submission to the County Council. Councillor F J W Brown raised concerns the run off from the Highfield Estate was a major factor in gardens and ditches abutting the site were now suffering from flooding.

It was noted that surface water drainage is now the responsibility of the County Council. To date there are 16 blocked drains in Littleport.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to comment.

They reported flooding is not only confined to the low lying areas of the parish; Millfield has seen gardens flooded.

Standing Orders then resumed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Councillor Boyd reported on the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

The Clerk reported:

Balfour Beatty quote for street lighting at Longfield Road will be on the September agenda

License relating to St George's Medical Centre has been completed.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Councillor D I Ambrose Smith reported there was a shortfall of 320 new houses

across the District and the District Council was actively looking for new sites.

ALLOTMENTS & OPEN SPACES MEETING:

Members received the report of the meeting.

Councillor C M Ambrose Smith suggested members should view the Country Park in Ely in relation to the utilising the Paddocks as public open space.

Councillor J J B Lee warned against possible motor cycles use of the proposed dirt cycle track

ADAMS HERITAGE CENTRE:

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Alan Summerside a trustee of the Heritage Centre and Chairman of the Littleport Society and Debra Jordan another Trustee to speak.

Mr Summerside is currently working on a new constitution for the society to consider. Currently the constitution does not allow for the artefacts to leave the Barn and can only be viewed by appointment.

Ms Jordan outlined the plans for the Heritage Centre and funding.

Agreed the Parish Council should stand back and wait for an overview from Mr Summerside.

LOCAL BUS SERVICES – CHANGES:

Members agreed for the 129 Weekly Service from Black Horse Drove to Ely. This gives a 2 ½ hour stop in Ely rather than 2 hours.

PLAY AREAS:

Members received the report on the Parish Council owned play areas.

Sanctuary Hereward have already funded two local groups in Littleport and may not have further funding available. Graham Nolan from Sanctuary Hereward is attending our November meeting.

PROPOSED SPEED SKATING OVAL:

Members were in agreement that they needed more time to digest the proposals and the suggested twinning with a Dutch town noted for its 400m speed skating oval and associated activities. ECDC to be informed of proposal.

More information will be supplied to members before the next meeting.

And the following month...

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME & COMMUNITY ISSUES

Residents of Saffron Close are taking part in a consultation for their views over the siting an aerial runway on the open space in the centre of the development.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Councillor Wright reported on the need for further consultation regarding the shortfall of housing needs around the District and have now said all the housing will go to Soham and no housing allocation for Littleport.

The Planning Committee can comment on this matter at a future meeting pointing out we would have welcomed small pockets of development.

Councillor C M Ambrose felt the plan was too late to change.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Councillor Divine's email of 15th September had been circulated to all councillors via email.

PLAY

ECDC had submitted a summary of a play report for Littleport. It was agreed the Play Area and Open Spaces Committee look at the report in detail and report back to Council. Only toddler facilities in the parish is in surplus. Informal open space,

junior and youth facilities are in deficit.

TRAFFIC SUB COMMITTEE:

Councillor F J Brown reported a scheme to reduce the speed on New River Bank and Branch Bank together with new white lines at the Sandhill junction has been submitted to County Council for consideration under the jointly funded improvement schemes.

Members also raised concerns at the potholes on Branch Bank.

TRANSFER OF PADDOCKS AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Members agreed the legal process go ahead to transfer the land known as the Paddocks at Highfield be transferred from the developers to the Parish Council.

The Paddocks are currently divided into four clearly defined areas and it was agreed a consultation process be carried out through the next edition of Littleport Life with Parishioners seeking their views on the proposals or any other options.

PROPOSED ICE STADIUM:

Councillor C M Ambrose Smith had drafted out a summary of concerns as a basis for discussion. Councillor Hayes asked that a “need” survey be carried out before embarking on such an ambitious project.

Councillor Wright reminded members this is not a new idea and of the unsuccessful bid by Littleport in the early 1990’s to create an outdoor synthetic surface skating rink on the Moors with the aid of a million pound grant.

If it is proven there is a need there need to be realistic costs on construction, site purchase, ongoing costs and how they will be met.

In principle members with 1 abstention gave support in principle to the idea subject to a needs survey.

PRESS RELEASES POLICY:

Following lengthy discussions on the issue Councillors are free to write to the press making clear it is their view and not that of the whole council. Therefore members agreed there was no need to draw up a policy document.

CABLEWAY?

The Clerk reported the survey to provide a Cableway at Saffron Close resulted in a 40% feedback with 13 votes against and only 7 in favour.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Councillor C M Ambrose Smith reported the Boundary Commission review of the number of Councillors will go ahead.

Councillor D I Ambrose Smith reported that ECDC were taking the lead in design on the North Ely Country Park and felt this should be a City Council project.

Work is still ongoing with the access over open spaces at Woodfen and Longfield Road.

Littleport Station Car Park extension – still looking at alternative land – ECDC are not communicating with land owners.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:

Councillor Divine emailed reports were circulated to Council

EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT:

The external audit for the year ended 31st March 2014 was received.

ANGLIAN WATER CHARITABLE GRANT:

The grant was dealt with in the Finance Meeting.

DOG BIN:

Members approved the purchase of a dog bin to be located at the Friars Way/Parsons

Lane junction.

FREE IT:

The East Cambs Community Learning and Skills Partnership has some funding to assist people in need of help with the advancing changes in IT. Suggest they contact YPL and Littleport Library who will be better acquainted with the needs.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2014:

The Deputy Clerk circulated the proposed financial regulations to councillors before the meeting. The model regulations cover the use of internet banking, prepaid debit cards and credit cards if needed in the future. The need for more budgetary forward planning was highlighted to include a forecast for the next 3 years.

***THIS IS THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT SPOKEN
OF IN THAT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING***

NEW PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Public open space provision in Littleport will be increasing in the coming months. As part of the planning agreement for the Highfield development the land known as The Paddocks will be handed over to the Parish Council for use as public open space in the next few months. Some of you may be aware that the area is made up of four paddocks each surrounded by a hedge. The Parish Council's Open Spaces committee have come up with some ideas for using The Paddocks and would like to know if you agree with the ideas.

Paddock 1. This paddock borders the footpath between Upton Place and the Highfield development. It is proposed that this paddock is laid to grass with picnic benches and some trees offering a grass area for informal play for families to enjoy.

Paddock 2. It is proposed that this paddock is used for a bicycle BMX park with dirt mounds similar to the park in Wilburton. This would be for bicycles only and not for motorbikes or mini motos.

Paddock 3. This paddock would be a wildlife meadow with paths mown through to allow visitors to walk round the meadow.

Paddock 4. It is suggested that this is a dog walking paddock to allow dogs a chance to run off the lead away from play areas and recreation grounds.

Please let the Parish Council know your views about these proposals, both positive and negative and any additional ideas. Comments can be made in writing to The Barn, Main Street, Littleport CB6 1PH.

Or by email littleportpc@btconnect.com by 1st February 2015.

Please remember that The Paddocks have not yet been transferred to the Parish Council ownership and are still private property. We will let residents know when The Paddocks are open for public use.





The village is very proud of the Littleport Brass Band. They are a very progressive and professional group who currently compete at the highest level.

Under the Musical Direction of Nigel Bramley who is also a solo cornet player with the famous Virtuosi GUS Band, the Littleport Brass Band was crowned the 2008 London & Southern Counties 3rd Section Champions. They have continued to progress to the top of the 2nd Section's grading table, earning them a place in the 1st Section in 2013.

Littleport Brass Band has been entertaining the public since as far back as 1880 , with a repertoire that now ranges from traditional brass band music to special arrangements of 'pop songs', film soundtracks and swing band arrangements.

The band itself has 29 members which includes Assistant Musical Director and 2nd baritone player Susan Peacock, but only two members actually live in the village. Steven Garwood, who plays hornet and Giles Philbey, who was originally a cornet player, but who has now turned himself into an E flat bass player - because they were short of someone to play tuba.

As Giles commented jokingly, "Well looking at the size of me you'll know why I was picked for playing the tuba"

Sadly the band has lost two of their veteran members in the space of just over a year. Howard Peacock who passed away after battling illness in October 2013 and Roy Neal who died so tragically in an accident in November 2014. A memorial concert was held for Howard with the combined Littleport and Gus bands – according to his wishes.

Roy Neal's funeral was held at St George's with wonderful tributes paid.

He was a Littleport man through and through. He worked on the land like his father before him and had a great love for the outdoor life. Roy represented Littleport at cricket and football, and as a 16 year old he was in the Cadets' band before leading the Littleport Brass Band as Drum Major with his trusty Mace for 58 years. A tribute will be arranged from the Littleport Brass Band in the New Year.



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February Ice Expo at the Heritage Centre

Even if we don't get lucky enough to be able to freeze the Moors this Winter (the owner permitting) everyone can indulge their enthusiasm for ice skating by visiting the Adams's Heritage Centre in Main Street in February.

Littleport is actually England's historic centre for ice speedskating, and indeed skating of every kind. It's the place where village benefactor Thomas Peacock first had the idea of flooding the Moors and turned it into an 'ice ground' when it froze!

The Trustees are pleased to be hosting this month-long series of twice-weekly talks given by members of the Welney, Littleport and District Division of the Fen Centre (affiliated to the National Ice Skating Association) with an accompanying exhibition of old skates and skating ephemera! There's going to be film footage too!

There are also exciting plans to hold weekly 'how it's done' inline/roller speed sessions at the Leisure Centre, thanks to the Trustees of that village amenity.

There will be more detailed information on days and dates and times in the local press – the Ely Standard – the newspaper that has positioned itself as a staunch supporter of the plan to build a 400 metre ice speedskating stadium with an inner ice hockey/short track and figure skating rink here in Littleport.



Do you or others in your area need advice on how to make savings on energy bills or to understand what financial assistance you're entitled to?

Cambridge Citizens Advice is running workshops to local groups in Cambridgeshire who would like to find out how to make savings on energy bills and what financial assistance they may be entitled to. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Lorraine at Cambridge CAB (LorraineP@cambridgecab.org.uk). The workshops form part of the Big Energy Saving Week campaign to make sure that this winter people have access to advice and information around checking bills, switching providers/tariffs and insulating homes in order to reduce energy bills. If you are an individual who would like advice on energy costs please visit Cambridge CAB at 66 Devonshire Road, Cambridge, CB1 2BL.

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Littleport Community Primary School Report

Commonwealth Gold at Littleport!

We were very excited to welcome Ellen Falkner to our school this week. Ellen is the Auntie of Joe Myles in Year 5, and is also a former pupil! Ellen won gold in the Women's bowls event in Glasgow this summer, and came to our assembly to show her medals and talk about her achievements. She really inspired everyone, and we all enjoyed listening to her speak. We sent photos and words to local newspapers, and hope they will print them. Thank you very much for coming in Ellen!

Harvest.

We visited St.George's Church to celebrate Harvest with Reverend Howard.

Bonkers for Conkers!

Many children asked about conkers, so following on from last year's fun, we once again allowed children to play at school. We have shown them how to play safely, and Mr Winters drilled the holes.

Well done Woodpeckers!

Woodpeckers' class amazed us with a wonderful assembly all about the 'Great Fire of London'.

We were so proud of the way that they danced, acted and sang with such talent – and with only two days to get ready! We saw bakers, carpenters, blacksmiths, newsreaders, Samuel Pepys and even Doctor Who! A special thanks also to all of the staff who helped – well done everyone!

Well done to our Amazing Artists!

The children have been making images of birds for their class. They have used paint, crayon, pencil, pastel or collage and some beautiful pictures have been created. Gideon Pain, our local artist who designed our new Heron logo, came in to work with Mrs East and chose a winner from each class. The children's work is now on display in our school entrance area:

New School Council

Children made speeches at the beginning of term and stood for election to our new School Council. Well done to everyone who stood and entered – staff said that the speeches were excellent and showed how much our children care about the school and want to represent the views of everyone. They will be working with Mr Newton to share the views of children and work on exciting projects for the school.

Congratulations to our Wonderful Writers and Marvellous Mathematicians!

Children from Years 1-6 have been chosen to have their excellent work on our special display boards outside the hall. We are very excited by the wonderful progress made by all of our children, and these are our winners, who were

presented with certificates in assembly, and who have demonstrated excellence in their learning. Well done all of you!

Felicitaciones a Halcones'! (Congratulations to Hawks!)

Hawks' class amazed us with a wonderful assembly all about Colombia! This is their adopted Spanish speaking country, and they showed us all they have been learning about the culture, geography and language. They sang songs, danced and best of all spoke plenty of Spanish.

Mrs Speed.

Sadly, Mrs Speed will be retiring at the end of term, after 26 years' service to Littleport Community Primary School. We will be thanking her for all that she has given to the school over the years, as a lunchtime supervisor and as a key member of the Office Team. We are currently recruiting for a new Office Manager.

Remembrance at Littleport School

To mark the 100th Anniversary since the beginning of World War I, staff and children took part in a range of activities at school including:

- Assemblies focussing on Remembrance

- Selling poppies in school

- Respecting a special silence to think carefully at 11 am on 11th November

- Year 5/6 children and staff visited the War Memorial and laid a wreath and attended a mini-service with Reverend Howard and members of the Royal British Legion

- Year 6 children have also worked with the Field Theatre Group from Littleport, to learn more about life in 1914, the experiences of soldiers and animals in WW1, visiting the local cemetery and writing letters based on this work. Some children also took part in a special event at St George's Church where they shared their learning and work with parents and local residents.

Littleport Community Primary School PTFA

Our wonderful PTFA are always looking for new ideas and new people to come and join them. Working with the PTFA is all about having fun, taking part in great activities and raising much needed funds for our school. If you would like to get involved in any way, as a helper, committee member, or if you have any skills you think you could offer, then please come and leave your details at the school office.

And finally...Christmas!

Foundation Nativity Performances – Tuesday 9th December: 9:30 and 1:30pm

KS1 Christmas Play – Thursday 11th December: 9:30 and 1:30pm

Year 3/4 Carol Concert – Monday 15th December 3:15pm

Year 5/6 Carol Concert – Tuesday 16th December 3:15pm

A MESSAGE FROM MILLFIELD

This term we have seen the school expand by an additional class as we grow year on year. Builders were in over the summer holidays converting our former ICT suite into a classroom and they did such a good job you



would never know it had been anything other than a classroom. To replace all the computers we have had wi-fi installed across the school and been given laptops and i-pads for use in the classrooms.

Lots of activities have taken place this term to enrich the curriculum. Year 6 spent 3 days in Lincolnshire at PGL challenging themselves with activities such as climbing and going through tunnels. Year 5 always visit the Fire Station in the autumn to join in with the different safety talks and demonstrations put

on by services such as the police, British Rail Transport Police and the Fire Service. To enrich history, Years 5 and 6 have had a Greek Day; Years 3 and 4 visited Norwich Castle and were Romans for a day; Years 1 and 2 visited Ely Museum as part of a learning challenge on old buildings. We are so fortunate to live in such an historically rich area.

It's so important for children to learn to think about others and to think of ways in which they can help. Our school council organised a MacMillan tea and cake afternoon; our Year 6 Reading Champions organised a dress up day and raised money for a Roald Dahl charity; and in November our PE leader organised a 1 mile run in pyjamas for Children in Need. All in all we have raised over £1,500 so far this year- a big 'thank you' to parents for supporting these important activities.

Finally I should like to thank parents who have been very understanding about the reasons behind my decision to close the school car park at the beginning and end of the day. Sometimes as headteachers we have to make decisions that may upset a small group of people, but is for the greater good. It is now a much safer place for children and visitors.

With the end of term Nativity play in mind, we look forward to Christmas and the New Year and next term too!

Deborah Hannaford

Headteacher



W.H. COX—STILL FEEDING LITTLEPORT

One of Littleport's most valued family businesses, W H Cox Butchers, may have to finally close its doors on Main Street.

A village wouldn't be the same without its very own butcher, and these are the



sentiments of another fellow trader, Matt Holmes, who told Littleport Life: “The thought of them closing would certainly spell disaster for Littleport as a whole.”

In contrast Holmes Furnishers (formerly Neale's) is going from strength to strength and now he has opened another shop called 'The Other Shop' which has received rave notices from locals and newcomers alike.

It would be the end of an era if W H Cox Butchers was to be no more. The name is steeped in history and the business came about when Mr Cox, who had just come out of the army, began to buy frozen Argentine beef off a railway truck, which he sold at a very reasonable price.

Days of flooding and ration books were all part of post-war hardship Britain, but it was taken over by Mr Ron Cleveland before Mr Andrew Binks became a partner in 1977. Mr Cleveland's retirement enabled Andrew not only to run the butchers how Mr Cox had used to run it in the past, but to move the premises from Station Road to Main Street.

“I kept the name of W H Cox Butchers going because I thought why change a good name, that has served the good people of Littleport so well. I still sell good sides of beef which come from farms in Lincolnshire, while the chickens I buy come from good breeders in Sutton. We make all the pies here. Pork pies will cost £1.20, Cornish Pasties are priced £1.00, and we sell our own sausages and gluten free bangers on request; plus we cut our own cheese and we even sell some



fresh veg.”

None of Andrew’s three grown up children are interested in taking over the butchers’ business, and his health has taken a bit of a battering having had a replacement heart valve. The working week does takes its toll, having to set the alarm for 4.45 am and finishing up at 1 pm, even though he does have a part-time assistant in Steve.

And as Andrew admitted: “I don’t have the energy to keep the shop open for more hours. My wife collects me from the shop and takes me to the club for a beer and then back home to Little Ouse where I enjoy feeding my chickens.”

Mr Binks won’t be packing up altogether because he has a very popular café down on the corner of White Hart Lane. It’s opposite where the once popular George & Dragon stood - and which was kept by his Mother and Uncle Nat for a good 68 years.

A. J. Caterers at The Old Butcher’s Shop Café opens from 6 am to 2 pm. Mrs Jenny Binks is seen behind the scene cooking up many a satisfying meal as customer after customer just continues to come back for more. And if you can’t stop you can order a takeaway.

A.J.Caterers is for those who are in need of a quick buffet which will be cooked and delivered on the day of your event.

Villages wouldn’t be a village with the odd saucy joke doing the rounds, and Andrew Binks was happy to tell me this one knowing that everyone he knew had all now died.

“William Henry Cox’s calling card was a sausage on the joint and when the meat was delivered if the sausage was moved from the top of the joint, it meant that her husband was at home.”

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION LIGHTS

This year your Christmas Celebration Lights Committee has worked hard in conjunction with all those shops, businesses and private individuals to ensure that Littleport is well lit up over the holiday period! Father Christmas, a Lights committee member, will be seen as usual touring the village and the Rotary’s gift of the tree is always a jolly sight. Christmas of course extends into January – and before you know it the nights are getting a little shorter and February and St Valentine overshadow St Nicholas until next Winter!

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The Centre also hosts car boot and craft fairs, Dog Shows, darts matches, poker tournaments, race nights and more!

There are two well appointed bars and a wide range of beers and wines complement the food menu. The Carvery on Sundays every fortnight is a must and lunch is available Tuesdays Wednesdays and Fridays from 12 noon til 2pm.

The Leisure Centre offers conference rooms to businesses and groups as well as a venue for weddings, birthday parties and Christenings.

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LITTLEPORT VILLAGE CALENDAR

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

6	Ex-Servicemen's Club – The Spree	8.45pm
6	Littleport Methodist Church – Christmas Coffee Morning	9-12am
7	Leisure Centre – Carvery – booking required	12.30-2pm
7	Leisure Centre – Quiz Night proceeds Falcons Netball	7pm
8	Littleport Society – Festive Concert by Littleport Brass Band – Village Hall	7.30pm
8	Leisure Centre – Over 60's Bowls Tournament	9am-5pm
9	WI – Christmas Party	TBA
12	Flower Club – Members' Christmas Practical Evening	7pm
13	Leisure Centre – Pantomime & Tea with Santa	3pm-6pm
14	Leisure Centre – Indoor Xmas Car Boot & Craft Sale	9am-1pm
14	Ex-Servicemen's Club – Panto with Littleport Players	4pm
17	Leisure Centre – Christmas Prize Bingo	7.15pm
19	Leisure Centre – Poker Tournament	6.30pm
20	Ex-Servicemen's Club – Mel Stevens	8.45pm
21	Leisure Centre – Carvery – booking required	12.30-2pm
21	Leisure Centre – Christmas Raffle	2pm
21	Leisure Centre – Quiz Night proceeds LTCC	7pm
21	Ex-Servicemen's Club – Children's Christmas Disco with DM Roadshow	4pm
24	Ex-Servicemen's Club – Christmas Disco with DM Roadshow	
25	Leisure Centre – Christmas Lunchtime Bar	12-2pm
28	Leisure Centre – Christmas Team Sports Challenge	11am-6pm
31	Ex-Servicemen's Club – Band TBA – ticket entry only	8.45pm
31	Leisure Centre – New Year's Eve Disco	8pm-2am

JANUARY

3	Littleport Methodist Church – Coffee Morning	9-11am
3	Leisure Centre – Free Disco with Games	7pm
4	Leisure Centre – Collie Dog Show (indoors)	8.30-5pm
6	Littleport Society – Films Show – Bread or Blood 1816 Riots in Downham Market – Village Hall	7.30pm

JANUARY—CONTINUED

11	Leisure Centre – Carvery – booking required	12.30-2pm
11	Leisure Centre – Quiz Night playing for Pooh Bear Trophy	7pm
12	Leisure Centre – Over 60's Bowl's Tournament	9am-5pm
16	Leisure Centre – Poker Tournament	8pm
24	Leisure Centre – Live Music – Rockin TJ	8pm
25	Leisure Centre – Carvery – booking required	12.30-2pm
26	Littleport Methodist Church – Flower & Friendship	7pm
31	Leisure Centre – Barn Dance	7.30-11pm

FEBRUARY

3	Littleport Society – AGM & Film Show – Strange Day at Queen Adelaide – Village Hall	7.30pm
6	Leisure Centre – Musical Bingo	7pm-10pm
7	Littleport Methodist Church – Coffee Morning	9-11am
8	Leisure Centre – Carvery – booking required	12.30-2pm
8	Leisure Centre – Quiz Night	7pm
9	Leisure Centre – Over 60's Bowl's Tournament	9am-5pm
13	Leisure Centre – Poker Tournament	8pm
14	Leisure Centre – Live Entertainment Johny Dee	8pm
21	Leisure Centre – Race Night	8pm
22	Leisure Centre – Carvery – booking required	12.30-2pm
20	Flower Club – AGM	7pm
23	Littleport Methodist Church – Flower & Friendship	7pm
25	Stepping Stones Pre-School AGM	7.30pm
28	Leisure Centre – Pub Sports Night	8pm-11pm

MARCH

3	Littleport Society – Concert by Hobson's Choice – Village Hall	7.30pm
7	Littleport Methodist Church – Coffee Morning	9-11am
8	Leisure Centre – Carvery – booking required	12.30-2pm
8	Leisure Centre – Quiz Night	7pm
20	Flower Club – Mrs Jane Ellis	7pm
23	Littleport Methodist Church – Flower & Friendship	7pm

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